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Thanks for your assistance.

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FYI – Attached are talking points that were given to the Region 9 in preparation for a conversation with Sen Feinstein. In addition to this communication, OCIR, OLEM and Region 9 are working together to respond to inquiries about the LA Times Article. OSRE is also looped into these communications.

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Thanks Sheila.

Yes Silvina passed along the message below. Thanks Silvina!

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To start, I've attached the talking points we provided the RA in preparation for his conversation with the Senator's office. As a follow up to that conversation, we have provided the Senator's office the 1973 public SCCWRP report which identified these dump sites and will provide them contacts in both NOAA and DOI.

I hope the talking points provide a starting point for our colleagues in OCIR as to the complexity of answering the questions they are posing.

Enrique

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Hi Enrique and John,

Silvina has probably already forwarded her email, but I wanted to make sure everyone is looped in. I'm sure we'll all be in touch soon.

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Sheila Fleming, P.E.

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Good morning Sean,

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If you would like to schedule a quick call with OSRTI to discuss please let me know and I can assist.

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Good morning,

I have a somewhat urgent question for you from OCIR.

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Best regards,

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Vicki, Sean, and Kaitlyn,

Last night, John Busterud had a call with Senator Feinstein on a recent [LA Time article](#) that outlined how barrels of DDT were dumped in the Pacific Ocean off the coast of Southern California over a thirty year period from the 40's to the 70's. Senator Feinstein was very concerned about this issue and was asking what could be done from an EPA standpoint on this issue. This morning, Joe informed me that the Administrator has asked for a brief one pager containing information from both of your offices as well as R9. I believe I have the full background information from the talking points that were sent to John that I will forward to you momentarily in a separate email.

Vicki, if you could pull the enforcement history on this issue against the manufacturer Montrose that would be very helpful. Senator Feinstein asked several times if we were aware of the amount of barrels that were dumped over that time span. I am not sure if that information or even an estimate is something that OECA would have, but I thought I would ask.

Sean and Kaitlyn, there is a Superfund site just offshore that is a DDT contaminated area called the Palos Verdes Superfund site. This area was the result of Montrose dumping DDT into the sewer system which wound up in the ocean just offshore. Senator Feinstein asked if it was possible to extend this Superfund site to include the deep water disposal site where the barrels are. Please have your office look into that question.

Charles, I believe I have most of the background information that I need from R9. However, if there are any additional details that I need to be aware of, please pass those along.

I apologize for the slight fire drill on this. The information does not need to be overly extensive, but Joe did ask that I get the ball rolling to see if it was possible to get this to the Administrator for his review over the weekend. If you can just send the information here on this chain, I will compile everything into memo format and submit it to his binder.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions on this issue.

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